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Title : Problems being faced by the Tsunami affected people of Andaman and Nicobar Island.

SHRI KHAGEN DAS : Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the Report of the Human Rights Law Network that after eight months of the tsunami tragedy, the rehabilitation of the victims of the islands is still a distant dream. The survivors are still languishing in temporary tin shed houses. There are no textbooks or notebooks for the children. Contaminated drinking water is being supplied. It is reported that the people wanted to build their houses with timber lying around because it was reported that not a single traditional house collapsed under tsunami. Now, the officials are pushing for RCC construction in the islands. According to the tribal captains, building of RCC construction or structures is an ecological disaster. It is also revealed that there is no electricity in the villages. There is shortage of fuel and shortage of boats to transport people and food from the Islands. The victims of the islands are still cut off from the rest of the world. It is gathered that the Government had decided to discontinue the supply of free rations to the tribals by October, 2005. If it were so, it would have serious implications to the Nicobarese. So, I would request the Government to look into these issues immediately and take appropriate action.